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SUBJECT: OTTAWA CITIZEN EDITORIAL ON NOMINATION OF ROCKEFELLER--  
"GOOD FREINDS IN WASHINGTON"

THE CITIZEN OF OTTAWA PUBLISHED THE FOLLOWING EDITORIAL  
ON THE NOMINATION BY PRESIDENT FORD OF NELSON ROCKEFFELLER  
TO BE VICE PRESIDENT:

QUOTE: ROCKEFELLER PICKED - GOOD FRIENDS IN WASHINGTON.

NO ONE WILL ASK, " NELSON WHO?" IN CHOOSING NELSON  
ROCKEFELLER AS VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,  
PRESIDENT FORD HAS PICKED A MAN SHOSE NAME IS FAMILIAR  
BOTH IN THE US AND ABROAD. THAT ALONE SHOULD STRENGTHEN  
HIS ADMINISTRATION.

THE APPOINTMENT WILL ALSO PROVIDE A LIBERAL COUNTER-  
WEIGHT TO FORD'S ACKNOWLEDGED CONSERVATISM. NOT THAT A  
VICE-PRESIDENT HAS ANY MORE INFLUENCE THAN THE PRESIDENT  
IS WILLING TO ALLOW HIM. BUT IT IS INCONCEIVABLE THAT  
ROCKEFELLER WITH HIS DISTINGUISHED RECORD AS GOVERNOR OF  
NEW YORK, WOULD ACCEPT HIS NEW POST UNLESS THERE IS  
A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING THAT HE WILL SIT IN AS AN  
ADVISER ON MAJOR POLICY ISSUES.

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FOR CANADA, THE APPOINTMENT IS PARTICULARLY WELCOME.

BOTH HE AND PRESIDENT FORD ARE CITIZENS OF BORDER STATES.  
BUT ROCKEFELLER HAS HAD CONSIDERABLE CONTACT WITH  
CANADA, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE OF THE ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY.  
HE CAN BE EXPECTED TO UNORIVE CANADA-US UNDERSTANDING,  
JUST AS HE CAN BE EXPECTED TO WORK WITH PRESIDENT FORD  
TO PURSUE A HEALING PROCESS WITHIN THE US ITSELF. END  
QUOTE.  
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